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Chief Executive Officer

February 19, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
AVENUE M AND 5TH STREET EAST WELL UTILITY SITE PROJECT
DRILLING AND EQUIPPING OF WATER WELLS AND
CONSTRUCTION OF WATER DISINFECTION FACILITIES
CITY OF PALMDALE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE
VALLEY:**

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Avenue M and 5th Street East Well Utility Site Project, a well drilling and equipping of water wells project, in the City of Palmdale (5), at an estimated cost between \$6,250,000 and \$8,500,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on March 25, 2008.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds submitted by the contractor.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to receive bids for the drilling and equipping of four water wells, construction of water disinfection facilities, and other appurtenant work.

Delegating to the Director of the Department of Public Works or his designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract, allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for construction of these water supply facilities as soon as possible.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended actions will help fulfill these goals by providing the residents and property owners within the waterworks district with a more reliable water supply system.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$6,250,000 to \$8,500,000.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the drilling and equipping of four water wells, and construction of water disinfection facilities is part of an ongoing program for the development of water supply sources in the Antelope Valley. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the Public Contract Code.

The project is to be completed in 300 calendar days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2008 and be completed in April 2009.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 12, 2003, Agenda Item 43, your Board approved the Environmental Impact Report for this project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing the residents and property owners within the waterworks district with a more reliable water supply system.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

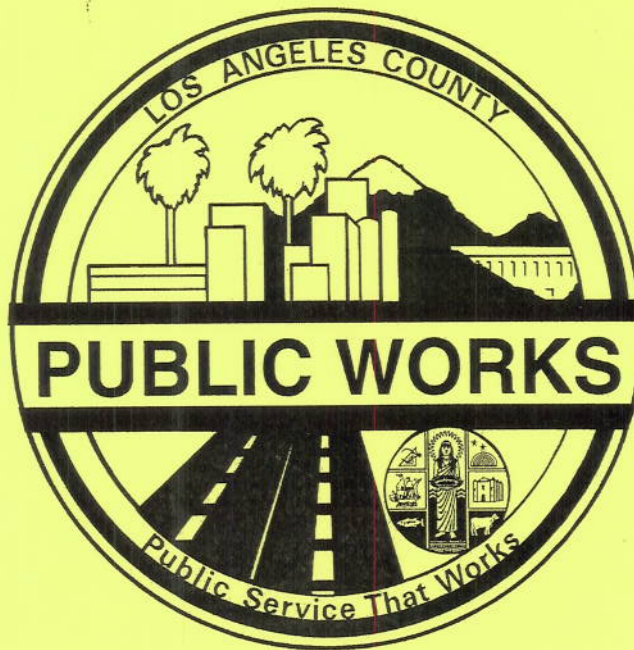
Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE INVITING BIDS, AG. NO. 35 OF 02/19/08
DATE
SPECIAL PROVISIONS
AND SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SAMPLE AGREEMENT By [Signature], Deputy
FOR

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004032

AVENUE M AND 5TH STREET EAST
WELL UTILITY SITE PROJECT

Approved, DONALD L. WOLFE, Director of Public Works

By Patrick V. DeChelici
Deputy Director

2-06-2008
Date

AVENUE M AND 5TH STREET EAST WELL UTILITY SITE PROJECT
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 6061 of the Government Code:

Publish: At least once, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in five weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the drilling, development, equipping, testing and disinfection of four water wells; construction of water disinfection facilities including a chloramine building; 8- and 16-inch cement mortar-lined and -coated steel waterlines; destruction of a water well; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. WWD4004032, Avenue M and 5th Street East Well Utility Site Project, in the City of Palmdale.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$6,250,000 and \$8,500,000 and shall be completed in 300 calendar days. The work requires a California Class A or C57 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Roger Kohlenberger at (626) 458-4964.

A prebid meeting for this project will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at the project site, 41956 5th Street East, Palmdale, California 93550, (Thomas Guide page 4106-A6). Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the contract.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents which may be purchased for \$18, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or at the Department of Public Works Permit Office, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, California 93550, (661) 947-4151, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The bidder's package of the contract documents may also be mailed for \$22, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated February 19, 2008.

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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